



**Dear District 10 Residents and Friends,**

September was quite a month for District 10. Whether it was the opening of the Jeffrey Fontana Dog Park, the Almaden Art & Wine Festival or the numerous monthly neighborhood association meetings within Almaden & Blossom Valley, District 10 residents definitely know how to keep themselves busy! I always appreciate just how many great events go on within our district since they give me the fantastic opportunity to meet with so many of you.

I was lucky enough to spend a dog day afternoon at the new Jeffrey Fontana Dog Park on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> with my fellow councilmembers Cindy Chavez and Chuck Reed. In addition to taking part in a great grand opening ceremony, complete with the “ribbon cutting” of a giant dog leash and a contest that determined just which D-10 resident does bear the most striking resemblance to their pooch, it was a pleasure just to get out and meet some of District 10’s four-pawed residents along with their outgoing owners.

The following day I had the pleasure of meeting even more residents at the Almaden Art & Wine Festival. Held at the Almaden Lake Park, the event was a wonderful success due to the hard work and dedication of the Almaden Valley Women’s Club. Our booth distributed dozens of copies of our monthly newsletter, took down numerous concerns and feedback from residents, and also distributed valuable information on disaster preparedness for District 10.

On the topic of emergency preparedness, I can’t stress just how important it is that we as a community are prepared in the event of a disaster. Following the tragic effect of Hurricane Katrina, the City of San Jose sprang into action, working with the Red Cross and County of Santa Clara to assist in the recovery of more than 100 displaced victims of the disaster. In addition, our local fire department sent seven specialists to assist with search and rescue efforts. Yet, it is critical that we remind ourselves of the need to be prepared for a disaster of similar magnitude in our own backyards.

Taking the urgency of this issue into consideration, I’ve decided to focus District 10’s November forum on emergency preparedness. I invite you to join me on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to learn about steps each of us can take to keep our community prepared & ensure that our families are safe in the event of a disaster here at home.

Best wishes,

**Nancy Pyle**  
**Councilmember, District Ten**

Office of Councilmember Nancy Pyle



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## District 10 Announcements

### Neighborhood Clean-Ups

Date	Neighborhood
10/15/05	Western Santa Teresa Foothills
2/4/06	Carson
5/6/06	Crossgate
5/27/06	Glen Crest - Country - Almaden Orchard
<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>Check the website in June 2006 for more neighborhoods</b>

For more information regarding Neighborhood Clean-Ups please contact  
Community Relations Coordinator, Daniella Polar, at 408-535-4910.

- **Councilmember Pyle has been asked by Mayor Ron Gonzales** to act as the City Council representative for San Jose State University's Sesquicentennial which celebrates 150 years of the University's rich history and excellence in education.
- **Following studies conducted by the Dept. of Transportation**, 18 new wheelchair ramps are planned for locations around District 10.
- **Recent Capital Projects which were completed** include the Jeffrey Fontana Dog Park. Additional projects recently added to the D-10 Capital Projects list also includes the Los Alamitos/ Calero Creek Pedestrian Bridge & Chateau Dr. storm drain improvements.

### Events for October

## Texas Hold'em Benefit Tournament

Presented by the **Almaden Business Association**

Come enjoy a rousing game of Texas Hold'em, complete with light grub and sarsaparillas on the house! The best part is that all proceeds go to benefit the Children's Story time area of the new Almaden Branch Library through the Public Library Foundation. Play for great prizes and play a part in our community!

**Saturday October 22, 2005**  
**7 PM to 11 PM**  
**Santa Clara Co. Horsemen's Association**  
**20350 McKean Rd.**  
**San Jose, Ca. 95120**



\$100 buy-in, \$25 for non-playing Hecklers  
Visit [www.almadenbiz.org](http://www.almadenbiz.org) for more information

## City Wide Phone List

Call Center	277-4000
Police Non-Emergency	311
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208
Animal Care	501-2130
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4304
Environmental Services	277-5533
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	277-5431
Neighborhood Development Center	392-6771
Parking Enforcement	277-5305
Vehicle Abatement	277-4477
Gang Hotline	293-4264

### Community Spotlight

*Nancy extends her  
congratulations to the following groups  
& individuals for the month of October!*

- **Rocki Kramer**
- **Karen Bode**
- **Assistance League**
- **Almaden Valley Counseling Service**
- **Almaden Valley Women's Club**
- **VEP**

To find out why these extraordinary groups and individuals are being congratulated, visit the Community Spotlight page on our website



## District 10 Forum for November

### Discussion & Dessert – Emergency Preparedness in District 10

**Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM**

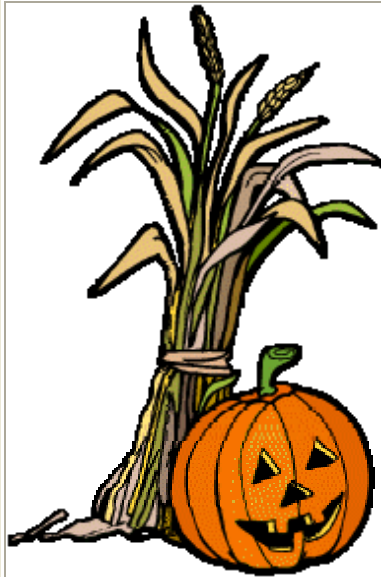
**Almaden Winery Neighborhood Center (5730 Chambertin Dr.)**

Come join Nancy and Dr. Earl Stevens from the office of San Jose Prepared as they educate residents about emergency preparedness for District 10. Following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Councilmember Pyle has received many concerns and questions from District 10 residents regarding emergency preparedness in our own backyard. Through this forum, Councilmember Pyle aims to keep District 10 residents well informed and address ways in which residents can respond on a city-wide level & locally in District 10.

**Councilmember Pyle encourages residents to explore these helpful preparedness links –**

- <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/>
- <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/sanjoseprepared/>
- <http://www.72hours.org/>

## San Jose City Highlights



**Halloween is just around the corner** and Councilmember Nancy Pyle wants to make sure that District 10's families are prepared for a festive and safe night of trick-or-treating fun! Working with a citywide program called Safe From the Start, **District 10 will be hosting 2 sites where children can go on Halloween night & pick up a free Halloween Safety pack.** Children will receive a glow necklace, a card with safety information, and a bookmark. If you are interested in being a host or sponsor of a Halloween Safety Center, visit the SFTS website below. Check the main page of the District 10 website as it gets closer to Halloween for the District 10 Safety Center locations!

To learn more, visit D-10's website or [www.safefromthestartsanjose.org](http://www.safefromthestartsanjose.org)

## Grand Opening of the New City Hall

The opening of the new San Jose City Hall marks a significant milestone in San Jose's history. Located in the heart of downtown, this beautiful new building will improve public service and become a proud landmark for the community. The grand opening will feature facility tours, community performances and the official opening of the glass-domed rotunda, only the second of its kind in the world. The community is invited to come out and celebrate the building dedication and grand opening of the new San Jose City Hall.

**Saturday, October 15, 2005**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**San Jose City Hall Plaza**

**200 East Santa Clara (Between 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> St.)**



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## Neighborhood Center

### Daffodil Days

The Office of San Jose Beautiful is offering FREE daffodil bulbs to community groups, schools, youth centers, scout troops and park beautification volunteers, etc, to plant in public areas. Bulbs are reserved at a maximum of 250 per organization and must be picked up by one of your volunteers. Visit <http://www.sjbeautiful.org/>. To reserve your bulbs, call the NDC at 392-6771 no later than October 14.

Pumpkins in the Park	Saturday, Oct. 8	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Discovery Meadow
Mayor's 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Celebration	Saturday, Oct. 8	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Plaza de Cesar Chavez

## San Jose Facts & Trivia

- The Guadalupe River park renovations include 15,000 trees planted, 9,000 new shrubs, 250 acres of park, and 2.6 miles of trails that extend from the Children's Discovery Museum to the Heritage Rose Garden near the Mineta San Jose International Airport.
- Downtown San Jose's Woz Way is named after San Jose native and Apple Computer co-founder Steve Wozniak

### And now for this month's trivia question:

*Where would you find the largest exhibition of Ancient Egyptian antiquities in the Western United States? (hint: it's somewhere in San Jose)*

- Answers to this and more can be found on the D10 website -

### City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at **200 East Santa Clara Street**. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings.

### Looking for even more news?

Have you visited the District 10 website lately? Keep up to date on the D10 news that's important to you at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district10/> !

### Take some time to check out these new Community web links ...

**Girls For A Change** – [www.girlsforachange.com](http://www.girlsforachange.com)

\*\*\* Girls for a Change empowers young women to create social change in their own communities. Two women coach about 10 girls from a local high school. Currently volunteers are needed to coach girls in high schools in the South San Jose area. Contact Maria Escamilla at [mmcphail1@yahoo.com](mailto:mmcphail1@yahoo.com).

**Santa Clara County FireSafe Council** – [www.SCCFireSafe.org](http://www.SCCFireSafe.org)

## Community Calendar

**Wednesday, Oct. 5:** 7:00 PM

**Discussion and Dessert – Coyote Valley**  
Almaden Winery Community Center; 5730  
Chambertin Dr.

**Monday, Oct. 10:** 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

**Almaden Valley Community Association**  
**meeting - Councilmember to Speak**  
McDonald's Restaurant; 5925 Almaden Expr.

**Wednesday, Oct. 12:** 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

**Hoffman/Via Monte N. A. Monthly Meeting**  
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200  
Blossom Hill Road

**Wednesday, Oct. 12:** 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

**Montevideo H. A. Monthly Meeting**  
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the  
clubhouse behind the pool

**Wednesday, Oct. 12:** 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

**Blossom Hill H. A. Monthly Meeting**  
319 Velasco Drive

**Thursday, Oct. 13:** 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

**Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood**  
**Association (N.A.) Monthly Meeting**  
Southside Community Center; 5585 Cottle Road

**Wednesday, Oct. 19:** 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

**Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Action**  
**Council (NAC) Monthly Meeting**  
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200  
Blossom Hill Road

**Tuesday, Oct. 25:** 7:30 PM

**VEP General Meeting**  
Gunderson High School; 622 Gaundabert Lane

### Answer for last month's trivia question

**Q:** In 2001 Congressman Mike Honda was awarded the Heinlen Award by the Chinese historical and Cultural Project. Who was John Heinlen and why is he remembered by the Chinese community in San Jose?

**A:** John Heinlen was a local businessman who, in the 1870's leased land to the Chinese living in San Jose despite death threats and many cases of violence and arson. The previous Chinatown had been destroyed in a fire and many of the Chinese residents were displaced with nowhere to live. John Heinlen allowed the Chinese to lease his land and rebuild a community for themselves.

